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METHOD



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### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on September 17, 1999, and to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on June 13, 2000, applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention, which were cited in a European Search Report (copy enclosed) issued December 7, 2000, with respect to counterpart European Patent Application No. 99112821:

European Patent Application No. EP 0 838 774 A2, to TUMBLEWEED SOFTWARE CORP., published April 29, 1998, was cited as an "X" category document (i.e., particularly relevant if taken alone) with respect to claims 1 through 5, 8, and 10 and as an "A" category document (i.e., technological background) with respect to claims 6, 7, 9, 11-22 of the

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European Application. In particular, the Abstract; page 18, line 46 through page 19, line 47; table 2; and claims 1, 2, 14, 23, 29, 31, 35, 44, 52, 56, and 62 were identified as being relevant.

“Storage of the Capabilities of Frequently Called Facsimile Machines”, IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, IBM Corp., Armonk, New York, US, vol. 32, no. 12, May 1, 1990, page 34, XP 000105064, ISSN 0018-8689, was cited as an “A” category document with respect to claims 1-22 of the European Application. In particular, the Abstract was identified as being relevant.

“The Multimedia Fax-Mime Gateway”, Sanjiv P. Patel et al., IEEE MultiMedia, New York, US, IEEE Computer Society, vol. 1, no. 4, December 21, 1994, pages 64-70, XP000484152, ISSN 1070-986X, was cited as an “A” category document with respect to claims 1-22 of the European Application. In particular, the whole document was identified as being relevant.

U.S. Patent No. 5,528,383, to TEZUKA et al., issued June 18, 1996, was cited as an “A” category document with respect to claims 1-22 of the European Application. In particular, the Abstract and Figs. 1 and 2 were regarded as being relevant.

European Patent Application No. EP 0 809 389 A1, to CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA, published November 26, 1997, was cited as an “A” category document with respect to claims 1-22 of the European Application. In particular, the Abstract was identified as being relevant.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above-noted documents and the Abstracts. Copies of the above-noted documents, including a copy of the Search Report, are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), the undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

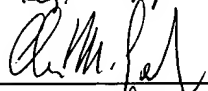
Applicants note that an Office Action on the Merits has not issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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